

COMMUNITY NEWS

Governor Riley announces national grant for Advanced Placement (AP) math and science education

Governor Bob Riley announced recently that Alabama has received a multi-million dollar grant from the National Math and Science Initiative to strengthen Advanced Placement (AP) programs in the state's public schools.

This award of up to \$13.2 million over six years is the largest private grant on record for K-12 public education in the state. Alabama is one of only seven states chosen for this highly competitive grant.

"Expanding Advanced Placement programs is critical to providing a world-class education for our children and making sure they are prepared to succeed in today's global economy," said Governor Bob Riley. "We look forward to partnering with the National Math and Science Initiative to bring these new learning opportunities to students across our state."

NMSI is a major new nonprofit designed to help America maintain its global leadership position in technological innovation.



DANNY COLE OF ELBA recently caught two channel catfish weighing in at 7 ½ pounds at the Coffee County Lake. He caught these while fishing from the pier.



You are cordially invited to attend a reception honoring the

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Fred and Virginia Oglesby on Sunday, the twenty-third of September Two thousand and seven

Two until Four o'clock in the afternoon at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church located on County Road 330, Elba

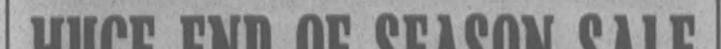
Your presence will be your gift.

Note of Thanks

The family of J.C. Stuckey would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, food and flowers received during the loss of our Father and Grandfather.

Each gesture of kindness and concern was sincerely appreciated. God bless each one of you and continue to keep us in your prayers.

The Family of J.C. Stuckey



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Note of Thanks

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Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of Linda Ann Walden

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ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS PLACE

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferlin Cox

It was unfortunate for there to be no rescue squad at a youth football game a couple of weeks ago when a player suffered what could have been serious injuries. Both crews of the Coffee County Emergency Management were responding to other emergencies, with both transferring patients to out-of-town hospitals. There were reports of it taking as long as 45 minutes to get an ambulance to the ball field, but official time indicate it took 22 minutes. Thankfully the young man didn't suffer any permanent, serious injuries from the ballgame and was back in school the next week.

An aside to the rescue squad being needed at a ballgame two weeks ago, there is an even greater need today . . . a Coffee County Emergency Management ambulance burned Friday night at the Elba High School football game.

Problems continue to mount for Alabama Attorney General Troy King. Whatever category the individual incidents fall in, they each seem to have a (negative) political angle for Troy. The Elba native is most recently in trouble with the state's district attorneys. That one keeps cropping up in news articles and editorials around the state. A North Alabama editorial (Huntsville Times) which came to us via e-mail this week lists several things the AG has been criticized over and editorialized: " . . . taken as a whole, it casts a serious shadow over King's judgment and raises questions about his ability to represent the state's citizens." Then Tuesday afternoon (actually as these words were being written) we received an e-mailed copy of today's Mobile Register editorial taking the AG to task over his position on the same case the District Attorneys are upset about. All these thoughts, if in the minds of the voting public, could make life very tough on Troy King during the next election cycle.

The Health Fair and Red Cross blood drive slated for this Saturday at Elba General Hospital is a good thing and hopefully a large number of people will take advantage of the benefits offered at this annual event.

Last Saturday afternoon we were in Auburn for a meeting. Arriving about 2:30 it was amazing to see all the people tailgating so early around the college campus. The ballgame wasn't scheduled until Saturday night, but those folks had obviously been there for hours. Most had finished their meals and were either just visiting, playing games or whatever. After five or six hours (or maybe more) of activities, then a football game and drive home . . . those folks had a long, long (and hot) day. We parked a couple of blocks from our meeting place (and paid \$20 for the privilege) but left town in time for them to charge another \$20 to a football fan) then waded through a joyous (but well mannered) crowd of orange and blue clad football fans to the college library for our meeting. The college president gave us a warm welcome to the Auburn campus, but I noticed that immediately after leaving the speakers stand he was off to some other presidential duty and he didn't stay for what was billed as an all-important meeting, nor was he there to eat one of the sandwich

Dear Sir,

On September 8, three men who are known around this country – one of them is internationally known – came to the New Brockton Center to speak out about reclaiming our Christian rights that are, insidiously, being taken away from us. I was late leaving my house and was fretting because I wouldn't be able to find a parking place. I believe that center would be packed to the rafters with all the Christians in this area who are as incensed as I am about losing our Christian right to worship our God.

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LIFESTYLES



James Ellis Long & John Wise Long

Birthday Kids.....

John Wise and James Ellis Long celebrated their birthdays recently with a birthday party at Katie's Kastle in Brunswick, Ga.

John was four August 8 and Ellis was three September 9.

Party guests were served a birthday cake decorated with a picture of the birthday boys or girls, ice cream sundaes and juice.

They had a good time jumping on inflatables, playing games, and breaking open a Spiderman piñata. John Wise

and Ellis are the sons of Victor and Whitley Long of St. Simons Island, Ga. They have a brother, Joseph Bentley, age 8, and a sister, Mary Whitley, age 1.

Grandparents are John Long, Ormond Beach, Fla., Rona Long, St. Simons Island, Ga., Robin Earl and Shirley Morgan of Marietta, Ga., and James Joseph Wise, Jr. of Elba.

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The Azalea Garden Club holds September meeting in the home of Ms. Patsy Meek

The Azalea Garden Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Ms. Patsy Meek. Items of business included a decision on landscaping the new Welcome to Elba signs, initiating the Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl poster contest in the elementary school and participation in the District VII Conference to be held in Enterprise in October. The yard of the month sign went

LBW Community College announces 2007 summer semester honor students

Dr. Edward Meadows, LBW Community College president, has announced academic honor students for the 2007 Summer Semester. A total of 54 students were named to the President's List and 57 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.5-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List. The follow students received honors distinctions:

President's List - Coffee County - Elba-Justin M. Bragg, Eric Lee Butts, Desman Morques, Harris, Roger Dale Marler Jack, Andrew Scott Kelley Kinston.

Madison Casey Mack
Dean's List - Elba-Karen Anastacia Huckabee, John Cory Miller, Christopher Ames Smith, Jonathan Brad Sullivan, Enterprise-Candice Nichole Adair, Deborah Rose Fahy Kinston - Shannon W. Elmore Jessica E. Williams

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Maple Avenue Baptist Church to celebrate 75th anniversary

Maple Avenue Baptist Church, 1009 West Maple Avenue, Geneva, Ala., will hold their 75th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. David Causey delivering the message and Rev. Terry Shannon leading the music. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. At 2 p.m. the Anniversary program will be held in the sanctuary of the church.

Everyone is invited to attend.

(l to r) Frances Jacobs, grandmother of bride-elect; Mary Ramsey, sister of bride-elect; Rhonda Stephens, mother of bride-elect; Elizabeth Stephens, honoree; Gloria Stewart, mother of groom-to-be; Winnie Stewart, grandmother of groom-to-be; Diane English, hostess.

James Ellis Long & John Wise Long

Miss Elizabeth Stephens honored with miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday afternoon, September 23rd

Miss Elizabeth Stephens, bride-elect of Mr. Josh Stewart, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on Sunday afternoon, September 23rd at Old South Inn on West Davis Street in Elba.

The many guests who called between the hours of two and three-thirty were greeted at the front entrance by hostess Dina Mathews and directed to the registry table, which featured a vase of white roses. Hostess Cindy Haley registered the callers.

Hostesses for the occasion were Ms. Janie Allen, Mrs. Vickie Bandstra, Mrs. Pam Bedsole, Ms. Sue Bogan, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, Mrs. Pat Clark, Mrs. Myrna Cotton, Mrs. Diane English, Mrs. Kathy Giles, Mrs. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Anita Grimes, Mrs. Cindy Haley, Mrs. Beth Henderson,

to the old Folsom House.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members present enjoyed viewing Ms. Meeks garden and new patio.

Members in attendance were Doris Bias, Betty Cox, Ruth Inman, Patsy Meek, Betty Vaughan, Helen Robinson and guest Darlene Tuttle.

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Morrow, an Elba native received his bachelor of science degree from the College of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama. He has worked in the banking industry in Dothan for the past 21 years. His experience includes credit analysis, consumer and commercial lending. He is active in a host of civic and community endeavors at the Dothan area, including the Dothan Rescue Mission, the Education Foundation for Dothan's Future, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, Northview High School Athletics Booster Club, the Wiregrass Red Elephant Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the University of Alabama Alumni Association. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Paul and Shelby. They are members of First Baptist Church of Dothan.

The local UDC chapter is a county-wide chapter with members from all areas of Coffee County as well as Ozark, Tuscaloosa, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. Mrs. Shirley Goodson presented a biography of the chapter's namesake, General Edmon W. Rucker. The Charter Members selected this name for the chapter because General Rucker was instrumental in the forming of the Confederate States of America and *Battle Flag*, which he wrote for the dedication of the Confederate Battle Flag on I-65.

Ron Taylor, Southeastern Division Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans, entertained the members and guests. He performed two of his original compositions; *Montgomery*, a song about the role of Montgomery in the forming of the Confederate States of America and *Battle Flag*, which he wrote for the dedication of the Confederate Battle Flag on I-65.

The General Davis Historical Gold Medal is awarded by the UDC for excellence in history, essay writing, declamation and other points of special attainment in keeping with the historical aims and purposes of the Organization. The award was presented to Mr. Ron Taylor for his work as a song writer and compiler of songs about the South. He has written numerous songs about the South and the Confederacy including one written especially for Mrs. Alberta Martin, last known surviving Confederate Widow.

A Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal was also presented to Mrs. Georgia Fleming for the research and creation of a web site dedicated to the 15th Alabama Infantry, Company D. Mrs. Fleming has done much research on the unit as well as the individuals who served in the unit.

The morning services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Morning worship will be at 11 a.m. with Rev. Wayne Webber, pastor, delivering the message. Lunch will follow in the church fellowship hall.

An afternoon singing will feature the Harrelson Family. Everyone is invited to attend.

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SCHOOLS

CoOp Spotlight

by Kim Blue



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Elba City BOE members approve FY2008 budget during meeting

by Megan Sullivan and
Cheslie Cross

This week's Co-Op Spotlight features **Donnie Stinson Jr.**

Donnie is the 16-year-old son of Donnie and Nita Stinson. He is currently employed at National Security Insurance Company in the mailroom where he has been working for four weeks.

Donnie is a junior at Elba High, where he is involved in VICA and Sr. Beta. In his spare time, he likes to go tournament fishing on his boat, golfing and hunting.

After graduation, Donnie would like to attend Auburn University and major in civil engineering.

Family/Staff Craft Auction & Hot Dog Supper set for Oct. 1st at Elba Elementary School

Families are reminded of the first ever Elba Elementary School Family/Staff Craft Auction and Hot Dog Supper on Monday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.

Families are asked to craft or bake-together and donate items to be auctioned. Items may be sent to the school anytime before the program at 6 on Monday.

Parents are also reminded there will be lots of goodies there which may be bid. Many

items are seasonal holiday items.

During the evening, attendees will also be treated to a performance of the sixth grade band.

Beth Williams of M.O.M. (Mom's Opposing Meth) will share information from her group, which is a support group for those who have been affected by crystal methamphetamine.

The fall fair book will also be open for business.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, the Elba Lady Tiger Volleyball team travelled to Zion Chapel to compete against the Lady Rebels for their second win.

The Tigers were sluggish throughout much of the match but managed to pull both their offense and defense together. Their lackluster play at times caused them to have to take the match to five games.

However, the Lady Tigers' teamwork and tenacity held true.

• VARSITY FOOTBALL: Elba vs. New Brockton Homecoming Game, Friday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.

• VOLLEYBALL: Elba vs. New Brockton (Away) - Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.

• SCARF T-SHIRTS are now on sale (\$5.00).

• JV FOOTBALL: Elba vs. Brantley - Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.

• BAND CALENDARS are now on sale. (\$5.00)

Celebrate Homecoming this week in Elba!

by Kelly Corder

Student Spotlight

by Kelly Corder

This week's student spotlight features Cynricka Dean.

Cynricka is the 16-year-old daughter of Jerome and Cynthia Reed. In her spare time, she likes to play volleyball, talk on the phone and hang out with her friends.

Cynricka's plans after graduation are to attend Troy University, but her plans may change. When asked to describe herself, she said, "I would say that I am a crazy person who loves to try new things. Also, I am loveable and a great friend."

The Elba JV Tigers outscored Brantley Bulldogs

by April Price

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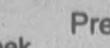
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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both the girls came home over the weekend, and since they are both Auburn fans, I am sure they both had a hard time keeping quiet as they watched Alabama lose in overtime to Georgia. The rules of the house whenever Alabama or Auburn play are to watch the game and not to cheer, which may explain why Melanie watched the game in her bedroom. Hey, they can celebrate when they get back to college.

ELBA TIGERS REMAIN UNBEATEN IN REGION

The Elba Tigers continued their early-season success against region opponents last week with a big 27-13 home win over Slocomb. The Tigers and Red Tops were tied with Pike County atop the region standings heading into the contest with 2-0 region records, but at the final horn it was the Tigers that had moved to 3-0 and were still tied for the region lead. Elba remained in its spread offense for much of the game, but ran the ball straight ahead against the Red Tops, and by the end of the game had run the ball 54 times for almost 340 yards. The offensive line took control early in the game, and in the second half simply lined up and played smash-mouth football. The defense gave up an early score on a long run, but after that was in complete command until Slocomb's final possession of the night. The Tigers surrendered 201 yards of total offense. However, when they take away the early run and the final drive, that total shrinks to only 58 yards on eight possessions. The Tigers have made football fun again with their three-game winning streak, and the players have to be brimming with confidence as they get ready for homecoming and the remainder of the season. As they used to say years ago "Whup 'em Elbie!"

BRANTLEY IS ONLY AREA TEAM THAT GETS WIN

The fourth week of the high school football season is now in the books, with Brantley being the only area team that was able to notch a win. Here's a quick look back at the week that was...

Brantley (4-0) – The Bulldogs were expected to have a hard time against region foe Ariton, but took command early and never looked back in posting a big 42-0 win over the Purple Cats. Brantley's offense was balanced as the Bulldogs ran for 193 yards and passed for 167, while over on defense the Bulldogs forced seven turnovers and limited the 'Cats to only five first downs. Don't look now, but these Bulldogs are growing up in a hurry.

New Brockton (2-2) – The Gamecocks had high hopes for an upset on the road, but didn't put up much of a fight in a 43-0 loss to Cottonwood. The Gamecocks did have a little success moving the ball on offense, but never reached the endzone, and over on defense simply didn't have the weapons to slow down the Bears. New Brockton is still very much alive as far as the playoffs are concerned. However, it is past time to become more consistent on both sides of the ball.

Kinston (0-4) – The Bulldogs scored 19 points against a very

good Flora Wildcat team, but still lost 34-19 to remain winless on the season. The Bulldogs continued to be able to move the ball on offense. However, on defense they are still a step or two slow, and have given up too many points to win against top-notch opponents. If Kinston can continue to move the ball and control the score after the game, the Bulldogs just might surprise someone before long.

Zion Chapel (0-4) – The Rebels put a scare into the undefeated McKenzie Tigers last week and trailed only 24-16 at the half, but ran out of bullets in the second half and watched as the Tigers pulled away to claim a 58-16 win. The Rebels have yet to notch a win this season and many of the players and fans are growing weary. However, the combined record of Zion Chapel's opponents is 13-5, with two of the teams being undefeated and ranked in the top ten in the state. The Rebels need to keep the faith and keep working. The schedule has to get at least a little easier.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

T.R. Miller defeated Monroe County 36-6 last week to up their record to 2-2, and that means the Tigers still have a chance to keep alive one of the most amazing records in the state. T.R. Miller has posted at least 8 wins a season for the past 24 straight years, and if the Tigers can win six more along the way, it is a record that is hard to believe.

BRANTLEY 27 HIGHLAND HOME 26

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GENEVA COUNTY 30 ZION CHAPEL 24

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Charles Henderson 24 Dothan 14
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POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and said it was hard to believe the high school football regular season would be half over after Friday night's games, and that his boots still had not dried out since week number two. The local

guessperts started to predict the weather just to make sure he would get one right, but then backed down and left this week's picks. After four weeks, he has hit on 102 of his 126 picks, which is far better than any of the local weathermen. Here goes...

ELBA 26 NEW BROCKTON 14

The Pea River felines have invited the alumni over for homecoming and have chicken on the post-game menu. While it is true the felines have had success hunting for their meals in recent weeks, the roosters coming to town this week may be a little tough after losing a few feathers in early-season action. I don't think the felines should change the menu, but these yard birds won't go down easy.

ELBA 26 NEW BROCKTON 14

The Bulldogs from up across the river will open the airport Friday night for a fly-in, and a check of the radar shows a squadron is headed to town. The 'Dogs have managed to keep the ground squadrons in pace, but this year the pilots from up the road have been flying high, and have been able to light up the scoreboard at almost every stop. If the Bulldog defense can dim the lights on the landing strip they could escape.

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Tigers and Gamecocks renew football rivalry Friday night at Elba homecoming

The Elba Tigers will renew the newest and most exciting football rivalry Friday night when they host the New Brockton Gamecocks, on Mack Wood Field, at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers will carry a 3-1 record and a 3-game winning streak into the annual clash with Coach Rials. "I looked forward to this game because it is our two wins over them," added Coach Rials. "We are undefeated, and then had a hard time on both sides of the ball in its losses to Wicksburg and Cottonwood."

"Our region games are very important as far as getting into the playoffs," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "but this game is the one the players from both teams have circled on the schedule from day one, and one that the fans love to talk about every time they get together.

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When asked about last week's 27-13 win over Slocomb, Coach Rials said "It was a big region win for us and we continued to show improvement in several areas. On offense we just lined up and came straight at them, and the line did a great job and our backs ran hard. We ran the ball over 50 times in the game for over 350 yards, and that kept their offense off the field and allowed us to control the game and put points on the scoreboard. On defense, we played hard for all four quarters, and took the fight to them all night long. It was a complete win and we are proud of."

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"For us to be successful Friday night," said Coach Rials, "we will need to be more balanced on offense, and tackle well on defense. On offense we will need to establish the running game and control the line of scrimmage. However, we will also need to have success passing the ball to keep their defense honest. If we get one-dimensional, our opponents will have a better chance of leading up and being successful. Over on defense, we will have to be physical up front against their big offensive line, and tackle well against their backs. They have one back that powers inside and one that likes to take it outside. We have to be smart, and aggressive at the same time."

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Elba youth teams win two of three games at Luverne

The Elba Youth Football League teams traveled to Luverne last week in youth football action and claimed wins in two of the three games.

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Elba Midget Tiger running back runs away from a would be tackler in action last weekend in Luverne. The Tigers will be off this weekend. (Mike Capps photo)

YOUTH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 29

Zion Chapel at Highland Home

New Brockton at Brantley

Luverne at Arton

SPORTS

Up region record to 3-0

Elba Tigers run over Red Tops 27-13

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by Mike Capps

but this time the Elba defense

rose to the challenge and turned back the scoring threat when Demetrio Tyson pounced on a fumbled pitch-out at the Elba 10-yardline.

The Elba defense came up with another big play late in the quarter when Gavin Respess intercepted a Red Top pass at the Tigers' 35-yardline. A 25-yard pass completion from Trey Martin to Dionta Reynolds moved the Tigers to the Slocomb 40, while a 24-yard pass from Martin to Respess gave the Tigers a first down at the Slocomb 19-yardline with 28-seconds left on the clock.

The win was the third straight for Elba and upped the Tigers' record to 3-1, 3-0 in region play, while the loss dropped Slocomb's record to 2-2, 2-1 against region competition.

Neither team reached the endzone on its initial possessions of the game, but Slocomb began its second series at its own 21-yardline after a pass interception and this time needed only four plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 67-yard dash by Jerome Williams, and while the extra-point try failed, the Red Tops were on top 7-6 in the first quarter.

Elba received the second half kickoff and set its offensive gears in drive as the Tigers drove down the field to add to their lead. The 11-play drive covered 81 yards and was sparked by the running of Carlos Matias, who gained 57 yards on 8 carries. The driver appeared to stall after an apparent touchdown was wiped off the scoreboard by a penalty flag.

However, the

SPORTS



For 38th straight region win

Brantley Bulldogs pound Purple Cats 42-0

Story and photos by Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs combined a dominating defense with a big play offense Friday night to claim an impressive 42-0 region win over the Ariton Purple Cats.

On the game's first play from scrimmage, Anthony Gulley intercepted a Bradley Deal pass to set the Bulldogs up at the Brantley 41-yardline. The Brantley offense showed it could grind out yardage on the wet field, as the Bulldogs drove 59 yards on 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. Anthony Gulley took a snap and went 11 yards around the right end for the touchdown, and Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point to up the Brantley lead to 35-0 with 2:22 left in the first quarter.

Lightning struck again for the

Bulldogs on their next possession, as Chase Hall connected with Anthony Gulley in the flats, and Gulley raced down the sideline for a 51-yard touchdown pass. Barnes hit his sixth straight extra-point, and with 11:33 remaining in the fourth quarter, Brantley had the win in hand with a big 24-0 lead.

Brantley was finished scoring in the big region win. However, the Bulldog defense was far from finished, as it claimed three more turnovers to seal the shutout. Freeman Walker and Dusty Gooden both came up with fumble recoveries, while Anthony Gulley claimed a pair of interceptions of the final play of the game.

Chase Hall had a big night passing for the Bulldogs as he completed 5 of 7 passes for 167 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Dewayne Whitten ran for 117 yards and 2 touchdowns and passed for 105 yards and 1 touchdown to lead the Cottonwood attack, while Jasma Coachman completed a 16-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Graham. Brett Moore scored on a 10-yard run, and Luke Cody had a 12-yard scoring run. Kerri Pender caught the scoring pass from Whitten.

Tevin McNair gained 46 yards on 10 carries to lead the New Brockton offense, while Nathan Foster gained 40 yards on 5 carries.

STATISTICS

NB	1st Downs	CW
9	11	
189	Total Offense	342
3-10	Passes	12-20
5	Penalty Yds.	65



Brantley Bulldog Justin Wright (3) leads his teammates onto the field Friday night for their region clash with Ariton. The Bulldogs upped their record to 4-0 with a 42-0 win over the Purple Cats.



Brantley band members braved the rainy weather to play for the Bulldogs last week in their 42-0 win over Ariton.

Non-region rivalries highlight high school action as regular season reaches halfway point

The high school football regular season will reach its midway point Friday night, with all teams moving out of the region for clashes with long time rivals.

Following are previews of this week's games:

Hickman Home at Brantley

Round one in the "Battle of Crenshaw County" will take place Friday night at Bulldog Stadium, in Brantley, where the (4-0) Brantley Bulldogs host the (3-1) Highland Home Flying Squadron. The second-ranked Bulldogs easily disposed of region foe Ariton 42-0 last week to remain undefeated, and used a balanced offensive attack and an aggressive defense to win their 33rd straight region contest. The Flying Squadron was grounded in a surprising 18-15 region loss to Lanett, and all of the sudden the high-flying Squadron will need a big win on the road to avoid a two-game slide. This game may not count in the region standings, but it is for bragging rights, and should be one of the week's best.

Kinston at Samson

Two teams hungry for a win will meet Friday night in Samson, when the (0-4) Kinston Bulldogs make the short trip across the county line for their annual grudge match against the (0-4) Samson Tigers. The Bulldogs were able to put three touchdowns on the scoreboard last week in a loss to undefeated Flora, and will enter this week's contest confident that a win is on the way. The Tigers have struggled throughout the season and will be coming off a 21-3 setback to Geneva County. These two neighbors will both bring winless records into the clash, and with bragging rights on the line, it could be a knock down, drag out battle for all four quarters.

Zion Chapel at Geneva County

The (0-4) Zion Chapel Rebels will make the long ride down to Hartford Friday night to meet the pass-happy (3-1) Geneva County Bulldogs. The Rebels showed signs of life last week against unbeaten McKenzie and trailed only 24-16 at the half, but were outscored 34 in the final two quarters and lost 58-16. Geneva County slipped past winless Samson 21-3, and while the Bulldogs do have three wins on their side of the ledger, the wins were over less than impressive opponents. If Zion Chapel can get its running game on track early, this could be a lot closer than many might think.

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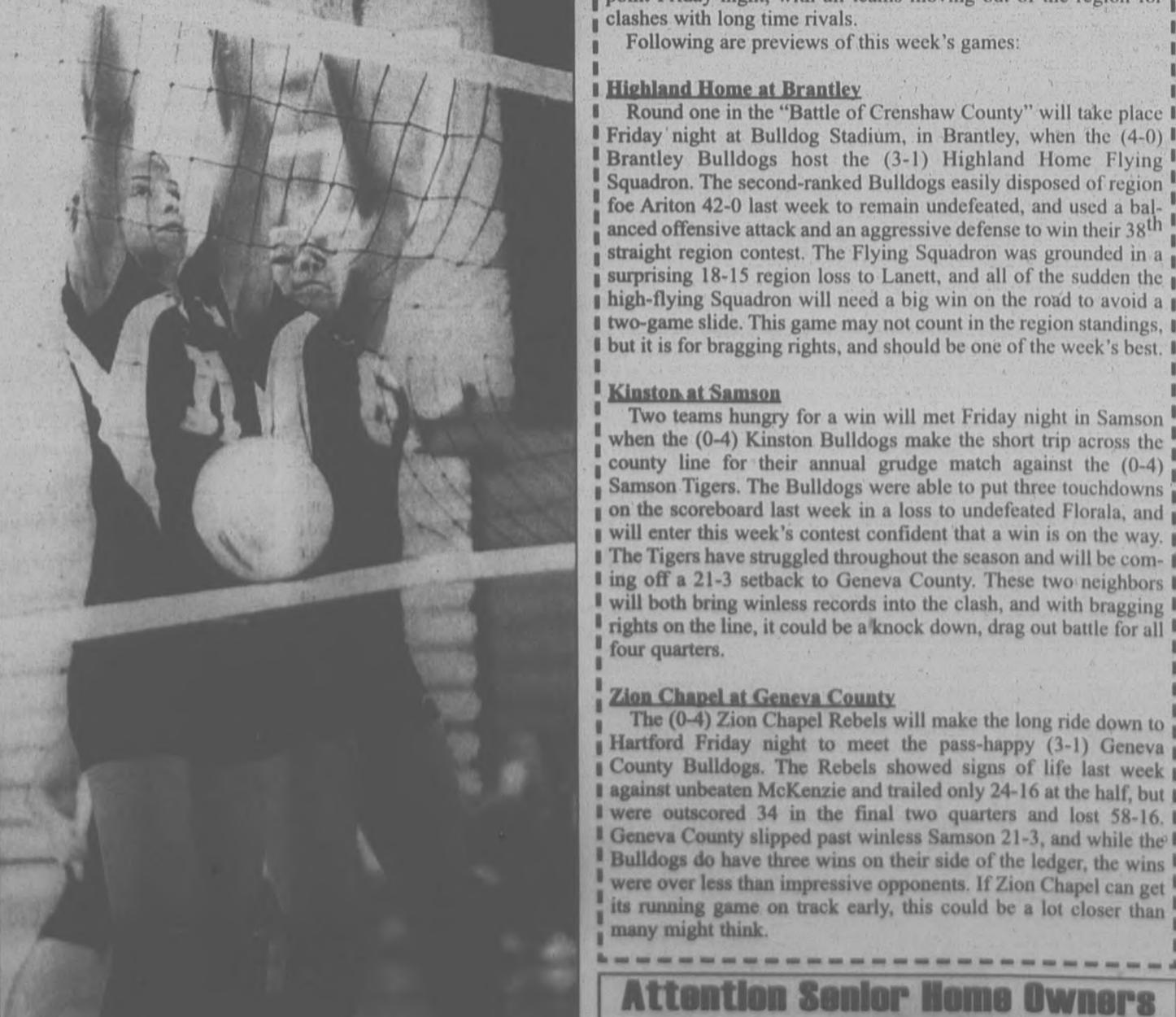
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Late rally falls short

Kinston Bulldogs outscored by Flora 34-19

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

Kinston struggled early Friday night against the seventh-ranked Flora Wildcats, and although the Bulldogs rallied late in the contest, the Wildcats took the victory 34-19.

Kinston's Coach Sam Dean commented on the second half comeback. "I'm proud of our boys. They stayed in it and kept fighting."

Kinston put the ball in play at the 23-yardline after the opening kickoff and the Bulldog offense looked impressive early. John Moss picked up 7 yards on the opening play, while Aaron Jacobs took the ball around the right end to move the chains.

Kevin Rachel pulled in a first down pass near midfield, and another completion to Luder Boswell gave the Dawgs a first down at the 35-yardline. After a sack and holding penalty put the Bulldogs in a third down and long situation, Matt Whigham out leaped the Wildcat defender to pull in a first down pass at the 23-yardline. A pass interference call kept the Dawgs out of the end zone, but resulted in a first down and goal inside the 10-yardline. The drive stalled; however, and when Kinston attempted a short field goal, Flora blocked the kick and returned the ball all the way to the Kinston 20-yardline.

The Wildcats scored one play in the fourth quarter, Kinston trailed 34-7.

Aaron Jacobs, Wesley Burton, and Garrett Moore led the Bulldog defense to force another Wildcat punt, and set up another Kinston score. On second down from near midfield, Aaron Rachel took the handoff around left end, bounced off a defender to stay inbounds, and out-paced the Wildcats 51 yards to reach the end zone.

Zion Chapel Rebels host the undefeated and high-scoring McKenzie Tigers Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium and kept it close for two quarters before running out of gas and coming out on the short-end of a 58-16 final score.

Zion Chapel recovered an on-sides kick to open the game and quickly moved to a first down at the McKenzie 23-yardline after a fumble recovery, and this time marched 8 yards in 18 plays to score its second touchdown of the quarter. Joey Jones gained 33 yards on 11 carries to help lead the Rebels down the field, while Gatin Carney scored the touchdown on a 21-yard strike from Matt Whigham.

Zion Chapel began its next offensive series to open the second quarter, but again failed to cash in, and McKenzie scored on its next snap on a 30-yard run by Joey Jones. The Rebels could get no closer than the 20; however, and handed the ball over on downs when a fourth down pass missed its target.

McKenzie put the ball in play at its own 21-yardline and covered the 79 yards to the endzone in six plays to grab the win. The Rebels had a 21-7 lead at the 16-yardline when Satrick Rudolph ran in for a two-point conversion, and with 39 seconds left in the half Zion Chapel was within 24-16.

Zion Chapel gamed on a fourth down and two at its own 30-yardline on its initial possession of the second quarter, but again failed to cash in, and McKenzie scored on its next snap on a 30-yard run by Joey Jones. The Rebels had a 21-7 lead at the 16-yardline when Satrick Rudolph ran in for a two-point conversion, and with 39 seconds left in the half Zion Chapel was within 24-16.

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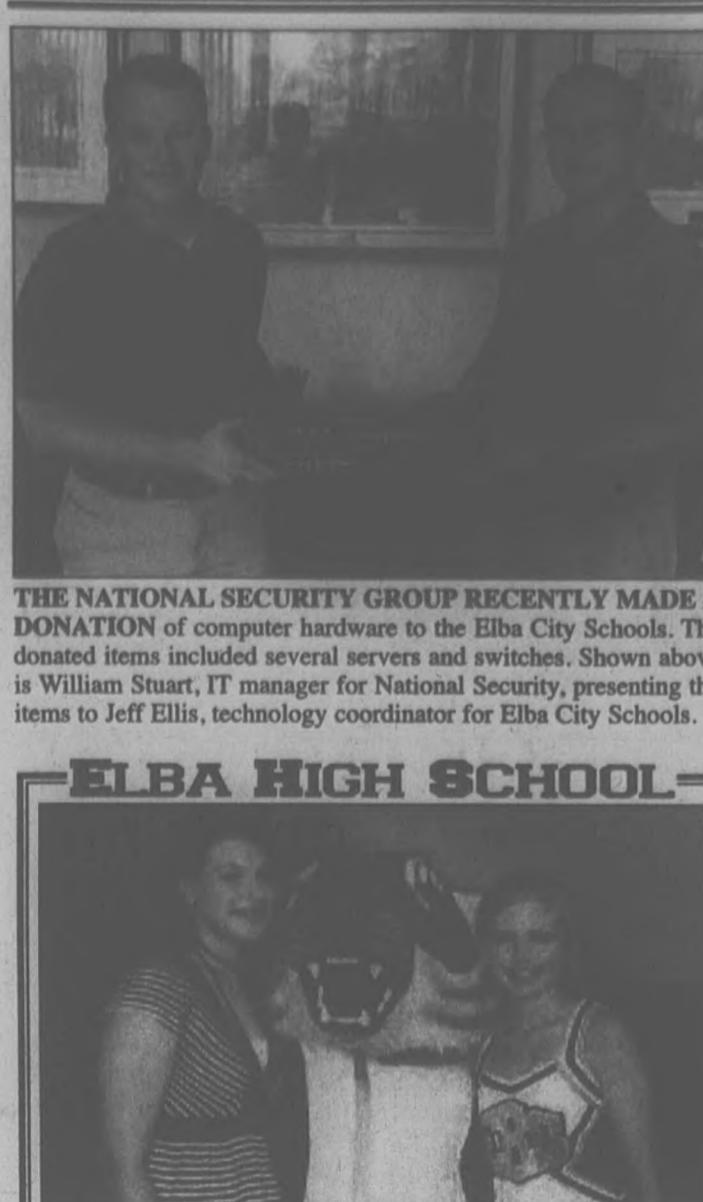
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Sponsored by the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home
Community Health Fair and Blood Drive set for Saturday morning

A Community Health Fair and Blood Drive are being sponsored by Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., on the hospital grounds.

There will be activities for all ages including free screenings for diabetes (high blood sugar), elevated cholesterol, and osteoporosis. The Elba Lion's Club is

Curtis School Reunion planned for Saturday, Oct. 13th

The children of Delia Manning Danley Coon and 1) Bud Danley, 2) Bennie Coon, will be honored this year at the Curtis School 22nd reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, at the pavilion behind New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Curtis Community (located between Elba and Opp) just south of the intersection of US 84 and AL Hwy 141.

The reunion begins at 10:30 a.m. with a covered dish lunch served at 12 noon. Eating utensils and ice furnished.

For more information contact Janice Cowen Hudson at 334/527-3701 or Nell Wilson Gilmer at 334/897-1255.

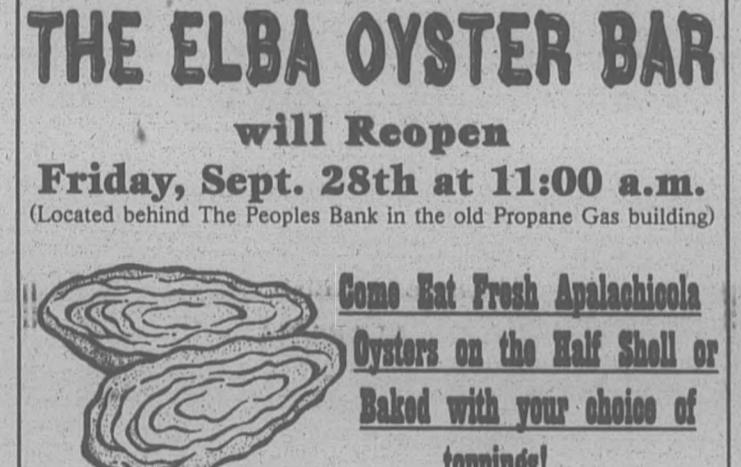


Pictured (front, l to r) Maxine Coon Inman, Sireenna Coon Crews, Queenie Coon Sanchez, Bennie Coon Whaley; (back, l to r) Rubber Coon (deceased), David Coon, John Danley. Not pictured: A. J. Danley (deceased)

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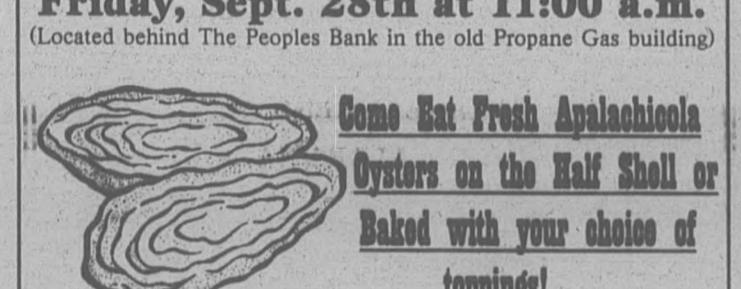
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Fall Career Fair scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, at Troy University

Troy University Fall Career Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 3 on the 4th floor of the R. Douglas Hawkins Tower at Movie Gallery Annex at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Both students and alumni are invited to attend. The event provides individuals the opportunity to meet with

representatives from several career fields to discuss employment opportunities and a chance to win prizes. TROY students of every major are welcome to participate.

Attending the career fair are a variety of well-known companies such as Alabama Army National Guard, Alabama Medical Center, State Farm Insurance, Target Corporation, Wal-Mart Distribution Center,

Auto-Owners Insurance Company, Becker Professional Review, Bell Microproducts, Colonial Bank, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Northrop Grumman, Orlando Police Department, Southeast Alabama Medical Center, State Farm Insurance, Target Corporation, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, and many more.

More information on the companies attending the fair is available at <http://www.troy.edu/careerservices> and website visitors may register for Trojan Recruiting Live, a recruiting service where students and alumni can have their resume reviewed by a career services professional.

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CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE YEAR...During the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet held last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, the "Spirit of Elba" award was presented to Nell Gilmer (right). Presenting the award to Gilmer was Eddie Vaughan (left).

CHAMBER BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR...During the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet held last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, the Chamber Board Member of the Year award was presented to board member Josh Wilson (right). Presenting the award to Wilson was Eddie Vaughan, 2008 president of the chamber board.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS...The National Security Group received a special award last Thursday evening during the Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet recognizing the company's 60th year of business. Accepting the award on behalf of the company was Jack E. Brunson (right). Elba Mayor James Grimes presented a plaque to Brunson.

A SPECIAL MOMENT during the chamber banquet last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, came when entertainer Jody James sang a classic Elvis tune to Barbara Hudson, a former executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS...Kelley Foods of Alabama also received a special award last Thursday evening during the Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet recognizing the company's 50th Anniversary of business. Elba Mayor James Grimes presented the plaque to Kelley family members and company leaders (from left) Jerry Kelley, Scott Kelley, Everett Kelley and Eddie Kelley.



THE 2008 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS for the Elba Chamber of Commerce were introduced last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, during the annual membership banquet. The 2008 officers include (from left to right): Linda Hodge, public relations director; Melissa Flowers, secretary; Mary Gray, second vice president; Eddie Vaughan, president; Herby McCall, vice president; Lynn Baker, treasurer; and (not pictured) Denise Sauls, ex-officio. The board of directors for 2008 will also include Jerry Kelley, Laurie Chapman, Daniel Stephens, Tonya Jones, Kenneth Calhoun, Josh Wilson, Jim Goodson, Mary McMillan, Michael Moseley, Doris Matthews, Jennie Clark and Mayor James Grimes. The executive director for the chamber is Kaye Whitworth, and the administrative assistant is Eva Medlock.

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Coffee County Commission revisits helicopter idea for sheriff's department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, the topic of a helicopter for the sheriff's department resurfaced.

Judd Lewis, a resident of Enterprise, addressed commissioners regarding the possibility of acquiring a helicopter for the sheriff's department. Lewis said he serves as director of operations for the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, and said he believes it would be beneficial at this time for the county to try and acquire a helicopter.

Lewis said the Army is planning to get new aircraft, therefore, this would be a good time to get one from them.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks was absent during the previous commission meeting when a motion failed to allow Sheriff Dave Sutton to seek a helicopter from the Army. During Monday's meeting, Brooks made a motion to revote the issue regarding the helicopter. He received a second (to bring to discussion) from Commissioner Tom Grimsley.

Grimsley asked Sutton to re-explain his intentions.

Sutton said he only is asking for permission at this time to seek a helicopter again.

"I don't know if we're going to get one for six month," Sutton said. "The Army hasn't turned any loose at this time."

Sutton said in six years, the county would own the helicopter and would then be able to sell it at market value if so chosen.

Currently, when Coffee County needs helicopter assistance, it turns to Dale County for that assistance. The sheriff said the county has used Dale County for helicopter assistance nine times since the first of the year.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said Monday that he had spoken to the chairman of the Dale County Commission and she said there would be no charge for using their helicopter. He said she indicated the county would not be opposed to a donation, but there would be no charge.

The motion to revote giving

Sheriff Sutton permission to seek a helicopter again failed in a 3-4 split decision. Commissioners Brooks and Doug Dalrymple voted against the motion.

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BUDGET

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THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION presented a proclamation to Westside Baptist Church of Elba during the Monday, Sept. 24, congratulating and commanding the church and members for "50 years of dedicated service rendered to the Lord." Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the church was member R.W. Whitworth (left). It was presented by Commission Chairman Jim Thompson. Commissioners will also present a proclamation to First Baptist Church and Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, both of Elba. These two churches each are celebrating more than 100 years of dedicated service to the Lord this year.

The motion to revote giving

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said the budget process is a long drawn out procedure.

"I'm very happy with what we (sheriff's department) came out of this budget with today," said Sutton.

Looking ahead, however, the sheriff said he will continue to address personnel issues for the department and jail. Simply put, he said he needs more personnel.

In another issue, Sheriff Sutton said he has looked at his funds and can take money from two jail accounts and have

enough money to go to the state lot and purchase a truck for use as a transport vehicle. He said the vehicle will hold up to 11 inmates.

While Sutton did not need the commission's approval to use the funds from the jail accounts, he said he was just keeping them informed of his actions.

Commissioners went ahead and approved a motion showing their support for the sheriff to use the funds to purchase a truck from the state lot for a transport vehicle.

Meeting planned for MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama

There will be a meeting for all MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama members on Saturday, October 6, 2007 and Sunday, October 7, 2007.

The meetings will be at 2:00 p.m. CST at the Coffee County Farm Center, 1065 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351. Telephone (334) 894-0108. Cell number is (334) 449-0607 or e-mail <machis@centurytel.net>.

RWCC to meet Oct. 17th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Po-Folks in Enterprise.

Chuck Spock of the Alabama Director for Senator Jeff Sessions, will address the group about Sen. Sessions position on illegal immigration and his bid for reelection.

Everyone is welcome. Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.

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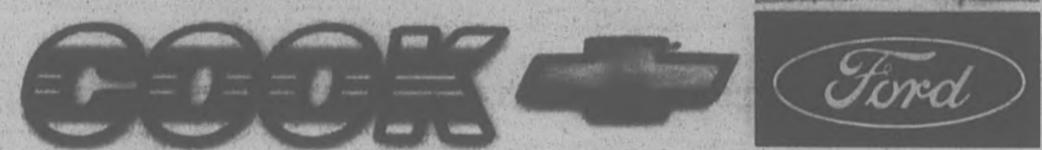


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